

## FYI

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION by Mayor Mike Callahan

*Call 301-789-8009 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted.*

#### **Happy New Year, Hope your Holidays Were**

**Great!** The Town Council, Town Staff and I wish each and every Cheverlian, young and old a healthy and happy New Year! We all had a great 2017, so let's work together to make 2018 even better!

**Cheverly Sector Plan Map Amendment:** By now everyone knows about the potential Map Amendment to the Cheverly Sector that would potentially allow development in the Magruder Springs green area. Therefore, I won't go into detail on the background.

On Thursday December 21st the Planning Board held a hearing on the Map Amendment and decided to recommend that the District Council "deny" the inclusion of the proposed Map Amendment into the Cheverly Sector Plan. YAY!!

The Planning Board reviewed the analysis provided by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission staff. They provided an analysis of the public testimony both verbal and written. There were over 619 statements made regarding the Map Amendment, all but one was in opposition.

That means that approximately 10% of Cheverly's total population rallied to the cause by providing a public comment. Cheverly's response is the talk of Upper Marlboro and Annapolis as this type of response is rarely seen.

The schedule for a final decision from the District Council remains the same:

- 1) Transmission of Recommendation to District Council (12/27)
- 2) Official receipt of recommendation by District Council (1/9)
- 3) Earliest Possible decision by District Council (1/23)

Congratulations to all the residents of Cheverly, and a special thank you to the individuals who spearheaded the letter writing campaign; Laila Riazzi, Joani & Gabe Horchler, Dan Smith, Christal Surowicz, and Jack Warner.

**Hey Mike, What about Transit Oriented Development near the Metro?** Many folks have asked me "Does this mean Cheverly is against Transit Oriented Development?" This could not be further from the truth, the Cheverly Sector Plan document screams for denser development along Tuxedo Road, at the Hospital Site, and elsewhere in the Cheverly area. The Sector Plan clearly articulates the need for denser development to provide more housing options to both current and future residents of Cheverly. This month, I spent three hours with a member of the County's Economic Development Corporation touring the area and discussing possible commercial and residential development areas with them.

*Mayor's FYI Continued...*

**Hey Mike, What happens if the District Council Approves the Map Amendment?** Obviously, it would be incredibly disappointing to all of us if the County Council (sitting as the District Council) approved the Map Amendment paving the way for future development. The best, cheapest and quickest way to put an end to this issue is for the County Council to deny the Map Amendment on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

However, the Town Council and I want to be clear Cheverly is in this for the long term and we will continue to fight this initiative even if the District Council approves it. Please note, that the developer only controls a single acre of land in the area; the remaining property (about 8 acres) is primarily owned by the county. For the developer to be successful, the county must declare this land "surplus" and the developer must acquire it.

To that end, the Town Council has already voted on and submitted the documentation needed to acquire the county property in the area should the county declare this land surplus. According to existing county code, a municipality has priority in the "surplus" land process so we should be able to acquire it prior to the developer. However, the "surplus" land process is not a quick process. It is only done once a year, and frequently later in the year so we would not know the result until late in 2018. Of course this means the developer could not do anything either.

Lastly, the Town Council is committed to objecting to any development in the area and will attempt to utilize the county zoning code to ensure that development does not occur here. While I can't imagine county zoning staff allowing a building in this area, the Town would certainly have many issues which can be used to fight it; FEMA Flood Zones, Historical Sites, Traffic Patterns, Parking Limits and many other issues.

**Budget Season is Right around the Corner:** Please no! Isn't budget season when the Mayor writes long winded articles about how Cheverly receives and spends money, while also droning on about budget strategies? Yup, it's that time! Good news though, I haven't had the time to begin documentation, so this update is brief.

All in all, the Town's financial condition continues to improve. The Town's Fund Balance increased by \$532K and now is at \$3,030K. This places Cheverly in a wonderful financial position and given the potential of land acquisition discussed above ensures our flexibility.

The \$532K net positive for FY17 was driven by increased revenues, and continued flat year over year operating spending. Revenues increased by \$834K while expenses driven by capital expenditures grew by \$358K. Kudos continues go to our town staff who continually provide quality service while keeping operating costs constant.

What drove the increase in revenues? Your property taxes contributed only 15% of the increase (\$130K), the rest came from increased income taxes, increased hotel taxes, grants and other sources. This is great news, because as other sources of revenues continue to grow it relieves the pressure on your property taxes.

So yes, the Council will once again consider the Property Tax Rate in the upcoming year as well as ensure we retain funds in the Fund Balance to allow us the flexibility to meet our infrastructure needs.

**Your County Tax Rate will go down:** I will spend a little more time on this in future newsletters, but because Cheverly residents receive their Police and Public Works Services from the town, you do not have to pay the county for these specific services. Every year Cheverly residents pay less than Prince Georgians in unincorporated areas. Unfortunately as the School Budget becomes a growing percentage of the County Budget, the tax differential has continued to decrease. However, the good news is that Cheverly residents will pay approximately 1 cent less on their county property taxes next year. More later!

**A Trust Act for Cheverly:** The Town Council will have the third and final reading of the Trust Act during the January 14<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting. At this time the Trust Act appears to have the support of the council. If you wish to speak to this topic or any topic please come to the Town Hall meeting.

*Mayor's FYI Continued...*

**Public Input at Town Meetings:** Every once in a while someone asks if they can speak at a meeting at Town Hall. The answer is an emphatic yes, and the council is very genuinely interested in listening to all Cheverly residents. So hear is a primer:

Town Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Month): Any resident is welcome to speak to any item that appears on the agenda. If a resident would like to speak to something not on the agenda they are welcome to raise the subject during Citizen Input. Citizen Input is not interactive, however many issues raised by residents are placed on the next work session agenda where conversation is more interactive.

Work Sessions (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of Month): Any resident is welcome to speak to any topic on the agenda. The only rule is that unless you are invited guest, the council addresses the issue first then citizens are asked to participate.

Of course residents are encouraged to call or email their council members to voice their positions on any issue being considered by the council.

**Cheverly Cops, Kids and Family:** This year, the Cheverly Police Department identified 10 individual children and 10 families that, because of financial problems, are unable to provide presents or personal gifts to family members during the holiday season. These children and families, in many cases, do not always have sufficient accommodations to meet daily living standards never mind make the holidays a special time of celebration. As part of their community-oriented policing, as well as their personal and professional commitment to the welfare of the Cheverly community, the Cheverly Police Department sponsors a program called "Cheverly Cops, Kids, and Families." As part of this program, the children are treated to a shopping experience sponsored by the Town, followed by a luncheon and a visit by Santa at our police complex.

This year's program was especially successful due to the sponsorship of Walmart, Mosaic, Subway and especially you the citizens of Cheverly who donated over \$1,600 to the program. In speaking with Chief Robshaw after this year's event he is looking for op-

portunities to continue the momentum throughout the year and hopes to present some ideas to council later.

**The Dog Park:** Gosh, I hate admit how many times I have to say "this one's on me!" To get everyone up to speed, very early this year we received preliminary approval from the State Highway Administration to use their land behind the Public Works Building for a Dog Park. This kicked off a lot of activity. Residents formed a Dog Park Committee and came up with a basic agreement with the Town as to how a Dog Park would be constructed, managed and utilized. The concept was discussed with the Planning Board and the Green Infrastructure Committee and everything was poised to move forward, except I delayed the submission of a site plan to SHA.

Unfortunately, when the delay occurred I lost touch with the original folks we were dealing with and we had to establish a new relationship. This caused a lengthy delay, and now we are working to satisfy requirements such as insurance, liability, termination clause (if ever needed), maintenance standards, etc. It appears that we have made great progress over the last three weeks and hope to have word in January.

## **TOWN MEETINGS & WORKSESSIONS**

*Votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted*

### **ACTIONS TAKEN**

**Town Meeting - December 14, 2017**

*Not available at the time of printing.*

**NO DECEMBER WORKSESSION.**

### **TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**Town Meeting - January 11, 2018**

**Work Session - January 25, 2018**

# Cheverly Year in Review 2017

Every year I like to look back and see just how much happens in our quiet little town. For many years I tried to document the efforts of the many groups and individuals, but of course that list grew too long and I invariably left too many things out. So today I am going to focus on the efforts of Town Staff.

However, before I do I want to say once again that while our town staff provide great service to the town, it is you the residents of the town that make Cheverly great. Two special shout outs for the citizens:

- The amazing efforts of our citizenry to welcome or refugee neighbors into our community.
- The tremendous outpouring of public support to save our Magruder Springs woods.

## Public Works:

- Every day our Public Works staff works to provide us services. This year they removed trash to the tune of 27 appliances, 7 pallets of electronics, 450 tons of recycling, 470 tons of yard waste and over a million tons of normal refuse.
- Completed a project that will end the ongoing flooding of the Public Works Building.
- Installed environmentally friendly storm water treatment in Town Park,
- Completely repaired the Cheverly sign at Lando-ver Road and Cheverly Avenue as well as replaced the Cheverly sign at Crest Avenue and Carlyle.
- Installed refuse receptacles at Montrose and Ma-gruder Springs Bus Stops.
- Completely renovated the Town Park baseball fields by installing a new batting cage, dugouts, backstops, as well as new recycling and refuse re-ceptacles.
- Completed a yearlong project to upgrade the town property at 6301 Kilmer by demolishing the home, upgrading the garage, terracing the property and removing the chain link fence.
- Purchased three new trucks, an F-250, F-750 and a backhoe.
- Planted over 70 trees on Public and Private Prop-erty.
- To meet environment standards a new canopy was built over the fuel island in the Public Works yard and a shelter over our salt storage.

- Rented a bucket truck and trimmed the dead branches of over 60 street trees and unfortunately had to remove 26 diseased trees (mostly from the Emerald Ash borer).
- Reconstructed Lake Avenue with new ramps, side-walks, crosswalks, curbs and gutters from Benton Road to Forest Road. (we'll finish Lake next year)
- Re-Applied for and received award for our 21st Tree City USA award
- Re-Applied for and became A "Sustainable Mary-land Certified Municipality"
- Re-Applied for and received an award as a "Maryland Plant Community"
- Delivered 126 loads of mulch to Cheverly resi-dents (and we still have more)
- Milled the old asphalt, paved the parking, and in-stalled new gutters and swells in front of Town Hall leading to Town Park.

## Public Safety:

- Observed the lowest violent crime rate in the last 5 years.
- Purchased and installed new dashboard video camera systems that capture exterior and interior vehicle views as well as uploading of body worn camera footage.
- Purchased and distributed ceramic body armor for all officers to improve safety.
- Updated all Departmental computers to Office 365 and installed new server, enabling more efficient electronic reporting of in-vehicle electronic house checks and duty reports.
- Continued to reach out to the community through events like; Public Safety Day, 3 on 3 Basketball and Cheverly Cops, Kids and Families Holiday Program.
- Continued to extend the CPACT program by es-tablishing Street Meets, where the Cheverly Police come to a corner near you and answer any ques-tions that you may have.
- Purchased three new Ford Explorer police vehi-cles, equipped with video, radar, multiple radio systems, and mobile data terminals (computers), making Cheverly police vehicles tops in the State of Maryland according to WBAL television.
- Purchased and installed new License Plate Reader on a Cheverly police vehicle
- Hired two new police officers scheduled to gradu-ate from the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy in February 2018



*Message from the Chief*  
 Buddy Robshaw  
 ([policechief@cheverly-md.gov](mailto:policechief@cheverly-md.gov)).

**CHEVERLY COPS, KIDS, and**

**FAMILIES:** Every year, the Cheverly Police Department identifies 10 individual children and 10 families that, because of financial problems, are unable to provide presents or personal gifts to family members during the holiday season. These children and families, in many cases, do not always have sufficient accommodations to meet daily living standards never mind make the holidays a special time of celebration. This year, members of the Department accompanied 10 children to a day of free shopping, provided lunch, and then had a visit from “Santa” who presented each child with a gift.

I would like to specifically thank Mosaic Printing of Cheverly for the donation of gifts; Subway for its donation of discounted food; Walmart for the large money donation; and, all of the residents of Cheverly who made personal donations that made this event a great success. The Cheverly Police Department relies on its community partners for support of its many programs, and especially the residents of Cheverly who have always made the community’s police/resident partnership such a huge success.

**CRIME IN 2017:** For the first time in many years, crime was up in Cheverly in 2017. A two month spike in burglary and theft was the largest contributor to this rise, while violent crime dropped to a new 5-year low. The Department is working on a number of new strategies to reduce crime, and starting in January 2018, will publish ways in which the community can contribute to a positive crime outcome next year.

**“TWENTY IS PLENTY”** – One of the CPD’s Spring initiatives in 2018 is called “Twenty Is Plenty.” The “twenty” in the phrase refers to the 20 mph speed limit that is applicable to most streets in Cheverly and the “plenty” indicates that this speed is more than enough given the narrow, curvy nature of so many Cheverly streets. As part of this initiative, CPD officers will be issuing Maryland State Citations for speeding in lieu of warnings in an effort to ensure the safety of all drivers and pedestrians who utilize our streets. Please obey the speed limit throughout Town and have a safe and prosperous new year.

**VEHICLE DONATIONS** – As we approach the end of the current tax year, we encourage all Cheverly residents who wish to donate a vehicle to the Department to do so by December 31, 2017. The CPD works very hard to get the most we can for every donation and we frequently use a local government website to auction vehicles. This auction process takes several weeks and has, to date, been

the most profitable way to turn your donation into usable dollars for the Department. All monies from donations are spent to purchase new equipment, such as the “Street Meets” trailer, and there are no hidden administrative costs. A very big thanks to everyone who has donated a vehicle this year!!!!

**SOLICITORS** – One of the inevitable types of incidents that seem to rise in the summer is that of persons soliciting without a permit. All residents are encouraged to call the police whenever a solicitor confronts them. Solicitors in Cheverly are required to display a permit issued by the Town (that must be displayed upon request of any Town resident) and they are required to leave private property immediately when told to do so by a homeowner or face trespassing charges. Please do not hesitate to call the CPD if a solicitor knocks on your door.

**THE PATROL TELEPHONE IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS PER DAY!! SAVE THIS NUMBER IN YOUR CELL TELEPHONE, MOBILE DEVICE, OR NEAR YOUR HOME TELEPHONE – 301-789-5090**

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS –**

<b>Police Emergency</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
<b>Nonemergency Calls for Dispatch</b>	<b>(301) 352-1200</b>
<b>Cheverly Police Office (9am – 5pm)</b>	<b>(301) 341-1055</b>
<b>Cheverly Police Facsimile</b>	<b>(301) 341-0176</b>
<b>Cheverly Photo Enforcement</b>	<b>(240) 770-7641</b>
<b>P. G. Towing (Towing Vendor)</b>	<b>(301) 220-1170</b>
<b>Cheverly Investigators</b>	<b>(301) 789-7743</b>

**Crime Report for NOVEMBER 2017**

**\*Note that all addresses are in Hundred Blocks**

11/02/2017	1254 hrs	Fraud	5800 Annapolis Rd
11/08/2017	0900 hrs	Theft (under \$1000)	2800 Cheverly Ave
11/14/2017	1849 hrs	Theft (shoplifting)	6500 Landover Rd
11/14/2017	2000 hrs	Auto Theft	6400 Landover Rd
11/18/2017	1910 hrs	Theft (shoplifting)	6400 Landover Rd
11/20/2017	1341 hrs	Theft (shoplifting)	6500 Landover Rd
11/21/2017	1522 hrs	Theft (shoplifting)	6500 Landover Rd
11/25/2017	1332 hrs	Theft (under \$1000)	2300 Bellevue Ave
11/25/2017	2048 hrs	B&E (Residential)	3100 63 <sup>rd</sup> Ave
11/26/2017	2154 hrs	Theft (shoplifting)	6500 Landover Rd
11/28/2017	1315 hrs	Theft (under \$100)	6000 Arbor St

# Residential ZONE Parking Permits

- You must have Vehicle Registration (registered to Cheverly address) to register your vehicle
- Parking Permits cost \$5 / 1 Guest Parking Permit allowed per residence at no cost.
- \$2 for an additional Guest Parking Permit (*maximum of 2 guest permits per residence*)

## If you live in one of the following zones, you will need a parking permit:

**Zone 1:** State Street, 61st & 62nd Avenues, as well as the 1800 Block of 64th Avenue.

**Zone 2:** N/A

**Zone 3:** 22-2400 blocks of Cheverly Avenue

**Zone 4:** Arbor, Crestlawn

**Zone 5:** 2300 block of Belleview

**Zone 6:** Benton Road; 23-2500 Blocks of Lake

**Zone 7:** 2400 block of Valley Way

**Zone 8:** 3300 Belleview; Medical Terrace

**SR:** The odd side of the 2200 Block of Cheverly Avenue

(This permit allows senior citizens 65 years of age or older to park their car in this area in order to utilize Metro)

Residential Parking Permits are displayed on the BACK LEFT bumper area.

If you have a regular zone permit and a SR permit display them next to each other on the back left bumper.

Guest Parking Permits shall be hung on Rear View mirror with information facing outward.

Citations may be issued to any vehicle not in compliance with Town Code 27-5.1: "Residential Zone Parking"

If you should have any questions, please contact the Photo Enforcement Unit at 240-770-7641.

**To apply for a Residential Zone Parking Permit by mail, please provide the following information AND a copy of your vehicle's registration\* and return this form with payment.**

\* If you have obtained a *Non-Resident Permit* from MVA, you MUST send a copy of that permit along with your request.

Number of Permits: \_\_\_\_\_ (x\$5.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(attach copy(s) of registration(s))

Guest Pass (one free per residence) (free) \$ Free

One additional guest pass: (\$2.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(maximum of 2 passes per residence)

TOTAL DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks or money order payable to:

Town of Cheverly

Please do NOT send cash in the mail

Mail to Cheverly Police Zone Parking, 6401 Forest Road, Cheverly, MD. 20785

# Community Bulletin Board



## *Do You Have a Mature Brain?*

Roger Anunsen, a science writer dedicated to translating neuroscience breakthroughs into compelling, usable messages, stated recently at the National Village Gathering in Baltimore that brains are not fully mature until age 60.

Wow! Take a breath and let THAT sink in.

Emphasizing that we are living in an exciting age of discovery about the human brain, Anunsen reported that ninety-five percent of what we know about the brain has been discovered since 1998. Specifically, much is being learned about the aging brain. Promising research shedding light on the positive aspects of this developmental phase is just emerging.

It is becoming clearer that assuming that cognitive decline is inevitable as we age may be short-sighted and simply wrong. For one thing, there is much that we can do to keep our brains in good working order as we age. Anunsen reports that research shows these six to be very important: *physical movement, mental stimulation, social engagement, stress management, diet and nutrition, and sleep and rest*. While these are important at any age, according to this research they are especially important over age 60 when we find ourselves navigating with our fully mature brains.

Cheverly Village offers our community building blocks necessary for a healthy brain, a healthy life and a healthy heart, no matter one's age. "Aging in Motion" is not just Cheverly Village's logo. When we say we are "helping Cheverly seniors to stay in community and age in motion," we are saying we are committed to supporting a connected, thriving, intergenerational future in this town that we love.

As we enter 2018, we will provide even more opportunities for our neighbors with fully mature brains to continue to engage with their peers, other community members and volunteers. We will continue to provide volunteers of any developmental age with the direct experience of knowing people who have reached their true brain maturity and are aging well. Consider joining us as a member or volunteer and help us create our best future!

*To learn how to become a Cheverly Village member or volunteer, or how to make a tax-deductible contribution, please call us at (240) 770 1033, write us at [village@cheverlyvillage.org](mailto:village@cheverlyvillage.org), or check out [www.cheverlyvillage.org](http://www.cheverlyvillage.org).*

-- Teresa Williams, for Cheverly Village Board of Directors

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St. Ambrose Presents

Word On Fire's Catholicism Video Series:

## THE CATHOLIC FAITH AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE.

For the first time, in breathtaking and high-definition cinematography, the truth, goodness, and beauty of Catholicism are illustrated in a multimedia experience. Journey with Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 16 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people.

Learn what Catholics believe and why. Discover the full meaning of the faith. Learn more about the video series here: <http://catholicism.wordonfire.org/>

**Meetings will begin Thursday Jan 25th at 6:30pm and continue each week for ten weeks. Father Charlie will follow each video with a brief talk & discussion. Refreshments and childcare will be provide. Start the new year with this powerful formation opportunity! All are welcome! More details can be found at**

**[www.sacheverly.org](http://www.sacheverly.org)**



Start the New Year off by getting financially strong. Financial Peace University will be held at CUMC on Saturdays, January 6-March 3, 2017. Class begins at 1PM. To register & get class materials go to:

<https://fpu.com/1052699>

For more information, contact Pastor Lillian at 301-773-1314.

*"A church in the heart of the community with the community in its heart that is making disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World"*

2801 Cheverly Avenue  
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## OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZEN INPUT TO TRAFFIC STUDY

The Mayor and Town Council have asked the Traffic Engineer to receive public input at 7:30 in the Community Center at the January 25th Worksession. The area included in the study is bordered by Cheverly Avenue to Forest Road to Route 50 to Landover Road. This quadrant includes CUMC, St. Ambrose and Gladys Noon Spellman. Your input will be welcomed by the engineer prior to commencing the Traffic Study.

What a wonderful sight to see Cheverly aglow in holiday lights. There were so many wonderful displays that it was difficult to pick. Here are the Top 5, and a list of Honorable Mentions (in no particular order):

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| 1) 2711 Crest Avenue               | Storybook Christmas         |
| 2) 3008 Park Way                   | Christmas Extravaganza      |
| 3) 3306 Belleview Ave              | Childhood Christmas         |
| 4) 3205 Tremont Ave                | Holiday by the Pond         |
| 5) 2302 Crestlawn & 2303 Crestlawn | Christmas at the North Pole |

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| Honorable Mentions:   |                     |
| - 3114 Belleview Ave  | Classic Christmas   |
| - 3202 Tremont Ave    | Bright Lights       |
| - 6523A Landover Road | Snow Day            |
| - 2704 Cheverly Ave   | Lollipop Lane       |
| - 2410 59th Ave       | Penguins on Holiday |
| - 5604 Lockwood       | Falalalala Taco     |
| - 6320 Jason          | Gingerbread House   |

## RECYCLING TOTALS - November 2017

Curb Recycling - 51.9 1tons  
 Electronic Recycling - 0  
 Appliances - 2

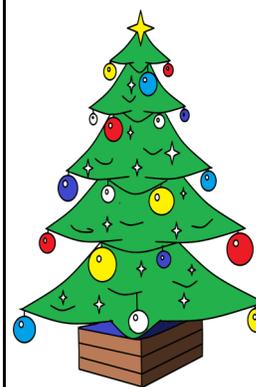


***Martin Luther King, Jr. Day***  
***Monday, January 15, 2018***  
**Offices Closed &**  
**Community Center Closed**  
**No Trash Pickup**

## Cheverly Recreation Council

The January meeting on Tuesday 23rd at 8 p.m. in the conference room at the Town Building.

The first 10 mins of the meeting is for any changes in the usage of the gym, since our September meeting.



## CHRISTMAS TREES

Please put your Christmas Tree at the curb on Sunday night for YARD WASTE pickup **MONDAY.**  
**DO NOT PUT IN PLASTIC BAG**

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**WOMAN'S CLUB** - Please join us to begin 2018 in an atmosphere of joy, love, and peace. Help our town continue to grow in compassion and respect for our likenesses and diversity.

**General Meeting - Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.** All are welcome! Consider becoming an official member by paying dues (\$20 each or \$35 for a family). At least half of your dues will be used for total or partial scholarships for Peace Camp.

**Book Discussion Meeting - Monday, January 22 at 7 p.m. at the Langs (6424 Forest Rd.).** We will discuss and decide which book(s) we will read next.

**Peace Corner:** "Peace is not a goal to be reached, but a way of life to be lived." (Desmond Tutu)

**"Live Peace, Teach Peace - Best Practices and Tools"** by Mary Joan and Jerry Park: "We believe that Peace is a way of thinking, feeling, and acting, an attitude towards self, others, and the world. To become persons and teachers of peace, we need to cultivate peace in our hearts; then it will flow out to those who thirst to receive and experience the gift of peace.

Peace is...An experience of love, even in the midst of violence. / Living in harmony with self, with earth, and with other beings. / Being centered, quiet inside.

The **CHEVERLY GARDEN CLUB** wishes you a Happy New Year. We look forward to arriving garden catalogues and a new growing season in 2018. Remember to brush upwards when removing snow from shrubs, otherwise the branches will break. Don't use fertilizers to melt snow or ice. Products with magnesium chloride will safely melt ice and won't harm the Chesapeake Bay. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the fourth floor Parlor Room at the Cheverly United Methodist Church (the meeting will be cancelled if snow is on the ground). Our guest speaker will be Barry Spaulding, a local expert on azalea culture. Our meetings are open to everyone.

**JOIN US FOR CHEVERLY'S SWEETHEART CHARITY BALL, ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

Cheverly's own 6th Annual Sweetheart Charity Ball will be held on Friday, February 9 from 7 to 11 pm at Saint Ambrose Fannon Hall. This potluck dinner-dance features the wonderful music of Dino (Efantis) & Friends, with swing, samba, waltz and more! Tickets are \$25 each, and tables for 10 are \$200. For reservations, email Ilona Horchler at [ilo-na.horchler@gmail.com](mailto:ilona.horchler@gmail.com). Pay or donate online at [www.razoo.com/us/story/5aiymf](http://www.razoo.com/us/story/5aiymf).

The Ball benefits FAIR Girls, which fights human trafficking and provides the only safe house specifically for female human trafficking survivors in the Washington, DC area. It also benefits St. Vincent de Paul, which serves needy people in our area with food and other assistance. At the Ball, you'll have the opportunity to purchase JewelGirls jewelry, made by the FAIR Girls, for your sweetheart.

For more information, email Ilona Horchler at [sweetheartcharityball@gmail.com](mailto:sweetheartcharityball@gmail.com). Or call or text Joani Horchler at [301-802-7445](tel:301-802-7445).

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Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee

## January Monthly Meeting

Date: Monday, January 8, 2017 Time: 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Location: Large Conference Room, Cheverly Community Center, 6401 Forest Road, Cheverly

Monthly meeting to report progress on Cheverly greening efforts and plan next steps and new initiatives. In implementing the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan, your Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee is working on projects in education, planning, and research.

All are welcome to join us! Contact [sheila.salo@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.salo@gmail.com) for a copy of the meeting agenda.

## GREEN @ HOME -- Birds in Winter

It's time to think about keeping your yard bird-friendly through the winter.

Finding food can be especially challenging for birds during days with extreme cold temperatures. Setting up a backyard bird feeder makes their lives easier and ours more enjoyable as we can observe the birds up close and in comfort.. Take a look at your property from a bird's perspective. Does it provide the three basic things that all birds need from their habitats?

- **FOOD:** In winter, set up your bird feeder. If you don't tidy up your yard and flowerbeds in fall, birds will love you for the seeds. Rake fallen leaves under your shrubs to act as mulch -- that encourages beneficial insects which will be bird food. Throughout the year your bird-friendly landscaping will provide fruit, seeds, beneficial insects, and other small animals that birds feed upon.
- **WATER:** Even in winter, birds need water for drinking and bathing.
- **SHELTER:** Whether it's a safe place for sleeping, a protected haven from the elements, a hiding place to elude predators, or a secure nesting spot, providing shelter is an important way to make your property bird-friendly. Leave dead limbs and trees in place. Recycle dead branches to start a brush pile; add your old Christmas tree if you have one.

Find more about providing for our birds at <http://www.allaboutbirds.org/page.aspx?pid=1138>.

More practical ideas for your yard at [www.greencheverly.org](http://www.greencheverly.org).

**Cheverly Boy Scout Troop 0257** this fall went backpacking, camping, kayaking, orienteering and performed multiple community service projects. During these adventures, the boys learned outdoor skills, along with environmental stewardship, leadership and citizenship. NOW is the time to sign up. Cost is only \$75 for the year. Contact Scoutmaster Dave at 202 744-7100 [abramdavid@aol.com](mailto:abramdavid@aol.com) to join.

## CHEVERLY--THANK YOU!--AND JOIN US FOR JANUARY WORK PARTY

Thanks again to Cheverly residents for your strong support for saving our local green space! (Mayor Callahan is keeping us updated on this campaign through this Newsletter and through the Cheverly Exchange and other online lists.) We invite you to join us to help maintain these lovely woods at our monthly work sessions held the last Saturday of each month. On Saturday, January 27, Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek (FLBC) will--weather permitting--host its work party at the usual time, 9 am-noon. We'll meet at the trail's Arbor Street entrance to remove ivy from trees. Directions: Starting at the Cheverly 7-11 store, drive one block north down Cheverly Ave. Make a right onto Arbor Street and go one long block until it dead-ends. On your right, you'll see the green-gate entrance to the trail. Or you can walk on the trail from Macgruder Spring just off Cheverly Ave to the Arbor Street green-gate on your left. Tools, gloves, snacks, and water will be provided. As always, community service hours are available. For more information, contact Joani Horchler at cell [301-802-7445](tel:301-802-7445).

# Community Bulletin Board

## **Community outreach opportunity: Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Service Day – Jan. 15**

In collaboration with Saint Ambrose Church, Saint Ambrose School and the Catholic Charities-Cup of Joe Project, there will be an MLK, Jr. Day of Service held at the **Saint Ambrose School**

on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (January 15, 2018) to commemorate Dr. King's commitment to education and social justice. The event will take place in the **school gymnasium from 10am – 2pm.**

Preparation of snack bags and personal care packages for the homeless, youth reading book collection, political empowerment letter writing workshops and nursing home craft gifts preparation will take place onsite to give our children an opportunity to engage in the act of serving others.

***Student or church organizations are especially welcome to participate.***

If you have any questions about the logistics of the day, or you would like to donate, please contact Program Coordinator - Mrs. Jeanne Black at [mlkdaysas@gmail.com](mailto:mlkdaysas@gmail.com)

## **Progressive Cheverly**

Join us on Thursday January 4th at 7pm at Hoyer Education Center in the cafeteria for a chance to build community and make a difference in elections. We will be teaming up with the group [Postcards to Voters](#) and hosting a postcard writing party. We will provide some snacks, stamps and postcards as well as talking points and background on the election we will be supporting. After the stunning results in the recent Alabama senate race, there are more special elections coming up across the country; postcard writing campaigns are one key way that Progressive Cheverly members can help shape these crucial contests, along with helping to register voters.

Watch for news about our **13th annual District 47A legislative forum** Friday, January 26 when you can hear from State Senator Victor Ramirez and Delegates Diana Fennell and Jimmy Tarlau about their legislative priorities for the upcoming Maryland General Assembly session and have the chance to ask your questions directly to your representatives. This annual event is one of our most popular forums. And we are also planning some candidate forums for the important 2018 Maryland and Prince George's County elections. More information to come.

As a new year has begun, please consider supporting Progressive Cheverly's commitment to bringing you monthly educational forums as well as our advocacy on important issues affecting our community. Membership is only \$20.00/year (individual), \$35/year (household). You can send a check, payable to Progressive Cheverly, to Treasurer, Progressive Cheverly, 5711 Euclid St, Cheverly MD 20785, or sign up on-line while checking out our newly updated web site, [progressivecheverly.org](http://progressivecheverly.org).

## Cheverly American Legion Family

The Cheverly American Legion Family is a vibrant and growing group of men and women who share an interest in supporting veterans, military service members and their families, youth, and our community.

The Cheverly American Legion will collect winter coats and blankets this year, to benefit veterans and veteran organizations. Items can be dropped off Tuesday through Sunday, between 4:30pm and 9:00pm. Through February.

The Legion is also collecting money for Hurricane Relief, with funds to go to the National Emergency Fund, where your donation helps displaced veterans in the aftermath of a natural disaster.

**Wreaths Across America** – A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported this event, either by ordering wreaths or by showing up to place them on the gravesites. The number of wreaths ordered were more than double last year and about 1,000 volunteers showed up to place them, and then take away the wreath boxes afterwards. We still need volunteers to help with wreath retrieval/clean-up at the end of January – details to follow.

**Second Friday St. Ambrose Men's Club Game Night** – December 8, 8:00PM, Dugout

Join the men of the Cheverly American Legion and St. Ambrose Men's club for pool, darts, and cards. Open to all.

**Third Friday Ladies' Night** - Friday, January 19, 7:30 PM, Dugout

All are welcome. Light refreshments served. Beer, Wine, and special theme drink available for purchase. Remember, Ladies Nights are not for ladies only!

**Clean up and Set up the Hall** - Cheverly American Legion Hall - Wednesdays 7:30 pm

Members of the American Legion, SAL and ALA meet to get the Legion Hall ready for the weekend events.

**Friday Night Queen of Hearts Game** - Fridays, 7:30 PM, Cheverly American Legion Dugout

Try your luck at finding the Queen of Hearts on the board of 54 cards. One drawing each week until the Queen of Hearts is found. Must be a Cheverly American Legion, Son of the American Legion, or American Legion Auxiliary member to play. Raffle tickets for sale in the Dugout daily, 4:00 PM – 10:00PM, up to the drawing.

### **Cheverly American Legion Post 108 Membership**

(\$35/year): The Legion is open to men and women who are serving or have served at least one day of active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during time of war. Find eligibility dates, application form and documentation requirements at <http://CheverlyAmericanLegion.org> or contact Joseph Pruden (301) 602-2117.

Next Executive Committee meeting–  
Tuesday, January 9 at 7:30 pm.

Next General Membership Meeting:  
Monday, January 15 at 7:30 pm.

### **Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary Membership** (\$25/year; Jr. \$5/

year): The ALA is open to women veterans and women service members, and to many women whose family member is/was a veteran or service member. If you are interested in joining us or learning about the American Legion Auxiliary, email us at [cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com).

Next Executive Committee Meetings:  
January 2 at 8PM & February 6 at 7PM

Next General Membership Meeting:  
February 6, 7:30 – 9:00  
Cheverly American Legion Hall

NOTE: The Auxiliary is planning to vote on moving to monthly meetings. Please keep an eye out for an email or letter in the mail.

**Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Membership** (\$20/year): The SAL is made up of men and boys of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and who are eligible for membership in The American Legion. All who would like to know more about the Sons are welcome to attend the general meeting. For meeting date and time or more information, please email at [SAL@CheverlyAmericanLegion.com](mailto:SAL@CheverlyAmericanLegion.com).

**December 8**

Landover Rd. 5611-6005 (odd)  
 Monroe St. 5625-5627 (odd)  
 Monroe St. 5702-5714  
 Newton St. 5518-5614 (even)  
 Newton St. 5700-5809  
 Quincy St. 5543-5545 (odd)  
 57<sup>th</sup> Ave. 3501-3507 (odd)  
 58<sup>th</sup> Pl. 3600-3605

**December 12**

57<sup>th</sup> Ave. 2500-2607  
 Carlyle St. 5703-5835  
 Crest Ave. 2500-2824  
 Dewey St. 5800-5841  
 Crest Ave. 3000-3215  
 Tremont Ave. 2900-3307

**December 14**

Euclid St. 5700-5735  
 Forest Rd. 5700-5721  
 Greenleaf Road 5601-5625  
 Greenleaf Road 5701-5809 (odd)  
 Hawthorne St. 5600-5622  
 56<sup>th</sup> Pl. 2902-2907

**December 15**

Benton Rd. 5900-5901  
 Belleview Ave. 2300-2358 (even)  
 Belleview Ave. 2301-2351 (odd)  
 Euclid St. 5901-6012

**December 19**

59<sup>th</sup> Avenue 2410-2421  
 59<sup>th</sup> Place 2400-2433  
 Valleyway 2400-2800

**December 21**

Laurel Avenue 2800-3141  
 Kilmer St. 6100-6220  
 62<sup>nd</sup> Place One Way Alley  
 Landover Rd. 6101-6205 (odd)

**END OF 1<sup>ST</sup> COMPLETE CYCLE OF TOWN****December 22**

Monroe St. 6200-6202  
 Laurel Ave. 3301-3407

Lombard Ave. 6100-6205  
 Montrose Road 6103-6136

**January 4**

63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue 2800-3010  
 63<sup>rd</sup> Place 2800-2825  
 Inwood St. 6300-6407  
 Inwood St. 6100-6215  
 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue 2800-2825

**January 5**

Cheverly Ave. 2200-2720  
 Arbor St. 6100-6121  
 Parkway 2400-2600 (even)  
 Parkway Pl. 2701-2711  
 Cheverly Circle #1-#27  
 Cheverly Circle 6101-6105

**January 9**

Parkway 2405-2601 (odd)  
 Wayne Pl. 2500-2541  
 Cheverly Park Dr. 6200-6232  
 Wayne Court 6200-6204  
 Parkway 2203-2309  
 Crestlawn Ave. 2300-2311

**January 11**

Belleview Ave. 2701-2719  
 Forest Rd. 5901-6015 (odd)  
 Lake Ave. 2700-2715  
 Lake Ave. 2300-2510

**January 12**

Jutewood Ave. 1607  
 Reed St. 6000-6012 (even)  
 State St. 6000-6204  
 61<sup>st</sup> Ave. 1700-1817  
 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave. 1700-1815  
 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. 1800-1816

**January 16**

63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue 3100-3142  
 Joslyn Pl. 6300-6331  
 63<sup>rd</sup> Pl. 3102-3127  
 Cheverly Hills Ct. 3200-3220  
 Jason St. 6301-6325

**January 18**

Cheverly Oaks Ct. 2900-2923  
 Hillside Ave. 2800-3132 Oakton Way 6400-6403  
 Oak Forest Ct. 6500-6508  
 Cedar St. 6500-6514  
 Woodway Place 2800-2909  
 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. 2900-2907

**January 19**

Hillside 3205-3211  
 Maureen Ct. 6500-6509  
 Oak St. 6501-6509  
 Oak St. 6600-6604 (even)  
 Oak St. 6601-6609 (odd)  
 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. 3315,3321,3323

**January 23**

Forest Road 6405-6459  
 Forest Road 6200-6212 (even)  
 Forest Rd. 6101-6219 (odd)  
 Parkway 2805-3131

**January 25**

Belleview Ave. 2804-2815  
 Belleview Ave. 3001-3500  
 Medical Terrace 5901-5905  
 Cheverly Ave. 2800-3510 (even)  
 Cheverly Ave. 2801-3411 (odd)

**January 26**

Forest Rd. 5900-6010 (even)  
 Greenleaf Rd. 5700-5812 (even)  
 Greenleaf Ct.  
 Hawthorne St. 6000-6025  
 Inwood St. 6006-6031

**January 30**

Inwood St. 5600-5615  
 Jason St. 5600-5716  
 Lockwood Rd. 5600-5907  
 Kilmer St. 6000-6021  
 Lake Ave. 3001-3122

**February 1**

Landover Rd. 5611-6005 (odd)  
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**February 15-24** Entire Town

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## Meetings & Events

### GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Mon	Jan 1	New Years Day - Offices Closed
Thurs	Jan 11	8:00pm Town Meeting
Mon	Jan 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Offices Closed
Tues	Jan 23	8:00pm Council Meeting
Thurs	Jan 25	7:30pm Worksession

### CHEVERLY WEBSITE [cheverly-md.gov](http://cheverly-md.gov)

You can easily contact the Mayor & Council through their town email accounts. There are also links at the Mayor & Council pages of the website.

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### COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

- Cheverly Year Review in 2017!
- Residential Zone Parking Permit Reminder.
- Cheverly Village - Do You Have a Mature Brain?
- St. Ambrose - Word On Fire's Catholicism.
- CUMC - Financial Peace.
- Woman's Club - Meeting: Jan. 8, 7pm & Book Discussion: Jan. 22, 7 pm.
- Garden Club - Meeting: Jan. 15, 7pm.
- Sweetheart Charity Ball - Feb. 9, 7pm.
- Green Infrastructure Committee - Meeting: Jan. 8, 7:30pm.
- Boy Scout Troop 0257 - Sign Ups!
- FLBC - Work Party: Jan. 27, 9am.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Service Day - Jan. 15.
- Progressive Cheverly - Postcard Writing Party: Jan. 4, 7pm.
- American Legion - Wreaths Across America, Men's Club, Ladies Night, etc.
- Leaf Collection Reminder.